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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Londra C Burge

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,23-28 and 36-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,23-28 and 36-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/23/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to: Applicant Restriction Election filed 11/12/2004.
2. Claims 1-6, 23-28 and 36-41 are pending and claims 1, 23 and 41 are independent claims.
3. This action has been made Non-Final.

Election/Restrictions

4. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-6, 23-28 and 36-41 in the reply filed on 5/26/2004 is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The Information Disclosure Statement filed 7/23/2004 has been accepted by the examiner.

Drawings

6. The drawings filed 9/29/2000 have been accepted by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. **The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:**

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. **Claims 1-6, 23-28 and 36-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walkowski (10 Minute Guide to WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows, published in 1992).**

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In regard to independent claim 1, Walkowski discloses *in an electronic document editor, a selection services component comprising a selection services interface that provides one or more methods to enable an editor extension to clear, add or remove a segment from a selection object.* (Walkowski Pages 31-32 i.e. option to delete, remove or clear text and Page 23-25 i.e. option to add text using the interface)

In regard to dependent claim 2, which depends on claim 1, Walkowski discloses *wherein one of the methods provided further comprises a method that adds an element segment to an editable selection.* (Walkowski Pages 23-25 i.e. option to add text using the interface and Page 135-139 i.e. adding buttons)

In regard to dependent claim 3, which depends on claim 1, Walkowski discloses *wherein one of the methods provided further comprises a method that retrieves an interface for a current editable selection, which enables the editor to process certain selection events.* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. interface to select events)

In regard to dependent claim 4, which depends on claim 1, Walkowski discloses *wherein one of the methods provided further comprises a method that adds a segment to an editable selection.* (Walkowski Pages 23-25 i.e. option to add text using the interface and Page 135-139 i.e. adding buttons)

In regard to dependent claim 5, which depends on claim 1, Walkowski discloses *wherein one of the methods provided further comprises a method that removes a segment from an editable selection.* (Walkowski Pages 31-32 i.e. option to delete, remove or clear text and Page 135-139 i.e. customizing buttons, which can be removed)

In regard to dependent claim 6, which depends on claim 1, Walkowski discloses *wherein one of the methods provided further comprises a method that sets a selection type.* (Walkowski Page 135-139 i.e. customizing button types)

In regard to dependent claim 24, which depends on claim 23, claim 24 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 2 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 25, which depends on claim 23, claim 25 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 3 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 26, which depends on claim 23, claim 26 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 4 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 27, which depends on claim 23, claim 27 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 5 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 28, which depends on claim 23, claim 27 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 6 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to independent claim 36, Walkowski discloses *receiving a request from an extension to utilize a selection services component; facilitating the request by presenting a selection services interface that is accessible by the extension* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. requesting from an interface to select events); *and communicating with the extension through the selection services interface to enable the extension to clear, add, or remove a selected segment from a selection object of an electronic document.* (Walkowski Pages 31-32 i.e. option to delete, remove or clear text and Page 23-25 i.e. option to add text using the interface)

In regard to dependent claim 37, which depends on claim 36, claim 37 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 2 and is rejected along the same

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rationale. ...*Wherein the communicating further comprises communicating with the extension through the selection services interface.* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. interface to select events)

In regard to dependent claim 38, which depends on claim 36, claim 38 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 3 and is rejected along the same rationale. ...*Wherein the communicating further comprises communicating with the extension through the selection services interface.* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. interface to select events)

In regard to dependent claim 39, which depends on claim 36, claim 39 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 4 and is rejected along the same rationale. ...*Wherein the communicating further comprises communicating with the extension through the selection services interface.* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. interface to select events)

In regard to dependent claim 40, which depends on claim 36, claim 40 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 5 and is rejected along the same rationale. ...*Wherein the communicating further comprises communicating with the extension through the selection services interface.* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. interface to select events)

In regard to dependent claim 41, which depends on claim 36, claim 41 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 6 and is rejected along the same rationale. ...*Wherein the communicating further comprises communicating with the extension through the selection services interface.* (Walkowski Pages 4-7 i.e. interface to select events)

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Response to Arguments

9. **Applicant's arguments filed 11/12/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.**

The applicant request allowance for elected claims (Page 7). However, the remaining claims have been rejected by Walkowski (10 Minute Guide to WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows, published in 1992).

Conclusion

10. **The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.**

Deike et al.	U.S. Patent No. 6,240,430 B1	issued	5/29/2001
Prinzing	U.S. Patent No. 6,480,206 B2	issued	11/12/2002
Hatayama et al.	U.S. Patent No. 5,802,534	issued	9/1/1998

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is (571) 272-4122.

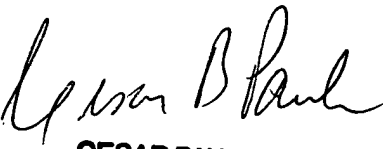
The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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